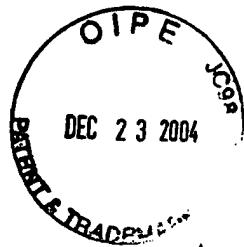


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2004, the due date having been extended one (1) month to December 25, 2004, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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